



NOTICE OF APPLICATION, OPTIONAL DNS, AND NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

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JOINT CITY/STATE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE POULSBO SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Amendments

Comments Due: April 16, 2021

The City of Poulsbo and Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) are accepting comments on a periodic review of the City of Poulsbo's shoreline master program (SMP). The City has prepared draft SMP amendments to keep the SMP current with changes in state law, changes in other City plans and regulations, and other changed local circumstances.

File No.:	P-02-05-21-02	Application Type:	IV
Notice of Application:	March 17, 2021	Comments Due:	April 16, 2021
Documents Available:	https://cityofpoulsbo.com/planning-economic-development/shorelineupdate/		
Location:	The SMP regulates all areas within the shoreline jurisdiction of the City of Poulsbo. These areas include the shoreline of Liberty Bay and its aquatic area extending waterward to the City jurisdictional boundary; the estuarine (tidal) portion of Dogfish Creek; all shorelands extending 200 feet landward from the ordinary high-water mark of Liberty Bay and the estuarine portion of Dogfish Creek; and the stream buffer associated with the estuarine portion of Dogfish Creek.		
Project Description:	<p>The Shoreline Management Act (SMA) requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. Ecology is the regulatory body in charge of overseeing the City's SMP periodic review and also provides technical support and partial funding to prepare SMP periodic reviews. The City of Poulsbo's periodic review must be completed by June 30, 2021. The periodic review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City of Poulsbo's plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data. The City of Poulsbo last completed a <i>comprehensive</i> update of its SMP in 2012. This will not be a comprehensive update, but instead a minor periodic review.</p> <p>This periodic update will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing relevant legislative updates since the 2012 SMP update and incorporating any applicable amendments;• Reviewing a list of SMP code amendments compiled since adoption in 2012 and incorporating clarifications, interpretations, and changes to address issues that have come up with shoreline projects. <p>This periodic update will not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-evaluate the ecological baseline that was established as part of the 2012 update;• Extensively assess no net loss criteria other than to ensure that proposed amendments do not result in degradation of the baseline condition; or• Change shoreline jurisdiction, environment designations (except for city owned properties), or shoreline buffers.		
Joint Public Comment Period:	The minimum public comment period shall be 30 calendar days. The joint city/state public comment period will run from March 17, 2021 through April 16, 2021.		

Environmental Review:	<p>The City of Poulsbo has reviewed this proposed non-project action for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) for the proposal, based on the SEPA checklist and other environmental documents on file with the City, including a shoreline inventory, cumulative impacts analysis and restoration plan. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. The Optional DNS process is being used as authorized by WAC 197-11-355 and PMC 16.04.115.</p> <p>This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. The comment period will remain open through April 16, 2021. Per WAC 197-11-545(2), lack of comment by agencies or members of the public within the time period specified shall be construed as lack of objection to the environmental analysis. Only those persons or agencies who submit written comments within the comment period will become parties of record for the subsequent SEPA threshold determination.</p>
Public Comment Methods:	<p>Written comments received by the PED Department will be forwarded to the recommendation and decision-making bodies for consideration and made part of the record. Send written comments to the PED Department, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, Washington 98370 or to plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com. Verbal comment will also be accepted at the public hearing. The public may request notification of any hearings or meetings and request a copy of the decision once made. Comments sent to the City will be forwarded to the Department of Ecology.</p>
Joint Public Hearing:	<p>The joint Planning Commission (city)/Ecology (state) public hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2021 @ 7pm. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, public meetings must be held virtually. This call-in number: 1-253-215-8782 and meeting id: 981 8903 1908 are provided for attendance. You may also attend the webinar here: https://zoom.us/j/98189031908</p> <p>We encourage written public comment submission prior to the meeting via email to ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com. Citizen comments will also be accommodated during the virtual meeting. The Planning Commission will prepare a recommendation to the City Council for their final approval prior to sending the documents to Ecology for final review. The City Council review is tentatively set for June 2021.</p>
Examination of File:	<p>The application file may be examined online by going to https://cityofpoulsbo.com/planning-economic-development/shorelineupdate/</p>
Public Participation Plan:	<p>A Public Participation Plan for the SMP was prepared and can be found here: https://cityofpoulsbo.com/planning-economic-development/shorelineupdate/</p>
Review Authority:	<p>The City Council is the review authority for this Type IV application. Approval by the Washington State Department of Ecology is also required.</p>
Staff Contact:	<p>Nikole Coleman Senior Planner ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com (360) 394 -9370</p>

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